

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A tape roll for a lint removal roller assembly comprising:

a substrate having opposed side edges and first and second major opposed surfaces of the tape;

an adhesive layer carried on the first major surface of the substrate;

the substrate wound into a roll with the adhesive layer facing outwardly from the roll;

a separable leading edge extending laterally between said side edges at least partially through the roll for dividing the roll into a plurality of individually separable sheets; and

deformations formed in each sheet of the substrate adjacent at least a portion of one of the side edges and the separable edge for spacing means, applied to the substrate, for separating at least said portion of one of the side edges and the separable edge of an outer sheet of the roll away from corresponding adjacent portions of an abutting underlying sheet of the roll the substrate in order to facilitate separation of said outer sheet. an outermost sheet from the roll.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The tape roll of claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein the deformations comprise:

embossings permanently deforming the substrate.

4. (Original) The tape roll of claim 3 wherein:

the embossings extend one of longitudinally continuously and discontinuously along at least one of the side edges and the separable edge of the substrate.

5. (Original) The tape roll of claim 4 wherein:

the embossings extend laterally with respect to at least one of the side edges and the separable edge of the substrate.

6. (Amended) The tape roll of claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein the deformations comprise:

at least one punching formed in the substrate and creating a partial aperture in the substrate, with a separated portion of the substrate created by the punching extending away from one major surface of the substrate into contact with an adjacent portion of the substrate.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) The tape roll of claim 18 ~~1~~ wherein:

the resilient element ~~separating means~~ is fixed to the adhesive layer on the substrate.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:

the deformations are ~~separating means~~ is carried on at least one ~~on~~ of an inner surface and an outer surface of the tape roll.

13. (New) The tape roll of claim 3, wherein the embossings are formed on either of the first or second major opposed surfaces.

14. (New) The tape roll of claim 3 wherein said embossings have a recessed shape configuration defining a channel.

15. (New) The tape roll of claim 14, wherein said channel has irregular shaped sidewalls.

16. (New) The tape roll of claim 6 wherein the separated portion of the substrate defines a flap extending partially inward into contact with an underlying sheet of the roll.

17. (New) The tape roll of claim 6, wherein said at least one punching has a configuration selected from the group consisting of circular, x-shape, oval, square and rectangular.

18. (New) A tape roll for a lint removal roller assembly comprising:

- a substrate having opposed side edges and first and second major opposed surfaces of the tape;
- an adhesive layer carried on the first major surface of the substrate;
- the substrate wound into a roll with the adhesive layer facing outwardly from the roll;
- a separable leading edge extending laterally between said side edges at least partially through the roll for dividing the roll into a plurality of individually separable sheets; and
- a resilient element to facilitate separation of each sheet, said resilient element adjusted at least a portion of one of said side edges and the separable edge

carried on each sheet of the substrate and formed as a longitudinally extending strip along at least a portion of one of said side edges and said separable edge.

19. (New) The tape roll of claim 18, wherein the resilient element is a material selected from the group consisting of hot melt wax and foamable pre-polymer resin.

20. (New) The tape roll of claim 18, wherein said extending strip is adjacent the separable leading edge of each sheet.

21. (New) A tape roll for a lint removal device comprising:

- an extending substrate with opposed tape surfaces;
- an adhesive layer carried on at least a portion of one of said surfaces;
- the substrate being wound into a roll with the adhesive layer facing outwardly from the roll;
- the roll being divided into a plurality of individually separable sheets with each sheet having a leading edge and opposed side edges; and
- deformation formed in each sheet and extending longitudinally adjacent at least a portion of one of said side edges and said leading edge of each said sheet.